

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

VAZQUEZ *et al.*

Serial No. 09/288,080

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Examiner: TBA

Atty. Dkt. No. 01765.80234 (2705/10)

For: α - and β -Amino Acid Hydroxyethylamino Sulfonamides Useful As
Retroviral Protease Inhibitors

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT C

The Honorable Assistant
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before examining the subject continuation application, please further amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

~~In~~ line 11, please replace "radical" with --radicals-- and

~~in~~ line 19 please replace "hydrogen or alkyl" with --hydrogen, alkyl, or halogen--.

REMARKS

Independent claim 8 is further amended to specify correct a minor typographical error on line 11 and to bring line 19 in conformance with the specification at page 5, lines 26 and 27. It is believed that no additional fee is due for entering this amendment. If a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for any deficiency.

Claim 8, dependent claims 21, 23-32 and claims 36-41 remain pending for review.